



Alloway, Doonfoot & St Leonards Community Council (ADSLCC)  
Minute of Meeting of the above Community Council held on 03 Sept 2024  
7.00pm, at Alloway Primary School

1. **Welcome and Introduction:** The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2. **Sederunt/Apologies:** (25 Present)

ADSLCC Member's Present: Andrew Russell Chair (A), Sheila Scott Secretary (D), Paul Brooks Treasurer (A), Rod Winhall Planning - Licensing (SL), Norman Sharp (A), Laurence Marcantonio (SL), Pamela McKay (D), Madge Claybion (A), Alex Drain (SL)

Apologies: Alan and Patrice Graham (A), Sandy Paton (D), Zoe Montgomerie, Ian Duncanson (A)

Members of the Public Present: Anne Hume, David Lodge, Rory Mohan, Brady Robertson, Bob Leitch, Alison Leitch, Anne Marshall, Mike McArthur, Chloe Dobson, Ian MacLeod, Joy Rivett-Gill, Maggi Kirkby

Ayr West Councillors Present: Bob Shields, George Weir

Apologies: Martin Dowey, Lee Lyons

SAC Link Officer: Jenni Donald

Speaker: Alloway Railway Tunnel ART, Stuart Bates

3. **Declarations of Interest:** None
4. **Approval of the draft minutes of the meeting held on:** 18<sup>th</sup> June 2024

The minutes were approved as a correct record.

Proposed: Pamela McKay

Seconded: Madge Claybion

5. **Speaker:** Alloway Railway Tunnel ART Stuart Bates

The Chairman welcomed Stuart Bates who gave us an update on progress with the development of the Tunnel. The project has been granted £100,000 from the Ian Findlay Path Fund. Stuart explained that this money must be spent before April 2025. It is only to be used for the improvement of the Tunnel infrastructure itself, not the mural, and the area leading to it from the ramp down from Murdoch's Lone. The ARTA team aim to tidy up the surrounding entrance scrub with tasteful planting. Work on some of the South side of the Tunnel will be completed this week.

ARTA have secured funding from many sources from charities and individuals. They plan to have involved around 2000 people in the actual painting of the mural by December 24. What a lovely event to look forward to.

Education particularly regarding the history of the area plays a large role in the project mural. Stuart answered questions and the Chair thanked him for his update.

6. **Police Report:** The following was recorded of crimes in Alloway & Doonfoot area in; (May x, June x, July x and August x) 2024: shown as x,x,x,x

Police Report	Sergeant Stewart Slaven
Calls to Police	
Crimes total	12,14,8,20
Of which comprise;	
Thefts	4,3,1,4 motor vehicle, shop lifting, hire equipment, w/bins
Breach of Peace, Disorder, Assault	1,1,1,5
Road Traffic	2,6,2,3 failure to report accident, careless & dangerous driving, no MOT, no insurance and 2x drink driving
Fire Raising, Vandalism	1,1,-,4 Doonfoot Primary building site plant & Cambusdoon Sports Club & vehicle
Fraud	1,-,1,- Selling through social media platforms
Other Crimes	3,3,3,4

Other Crimes will relate to incidents of Domestic incidents or reports that don't directly affect the local community.

Numerous traffic offences fixed penalty tickets issued in Alloway area, slight increase in youth offending in August.

Info: Our Annual Police plan 2022/23 sets out what we will do to keep our communities safe and this has been developed using your responses to last year's survey, along with focus groups, workshops and other ways we listen to communities. [www.facebook.com/ayrshirepolice](http://www.facebook.com/ayrshirepolice)

Police; Twitter and Facebook are not for reporting crime. For non urgent crime reporting use, 101. Links; [Your Police 2022-2023 - Police Scotland - Citizen Space](#) – Survey

7. **SAC Councillors/Link Officer Reports – Reports:**

- (i) Citizens Advice Bureau SAC.  
Member Alex Drain is pursuing some FOI requests.
- (ii) The new Community notice board placement on the small triangle at St Leonards/Ewenfield Road. Member Alex Drain has confirmation that the triangle is in the charge of SAC and we believe that ward funding is available.
- (iii) Doonholm Rd outside the school has been resurfaced. Thanks to ARA and Councillors.
- (iv) Some further observations for ARA:
  - (a) Monument Rd B7024 of the Alloway village where a small long centre rut is appearing.
  - (b) Although ARA have given an all clear report on the Chicanes on Longhill Avenue the entire CC is of the view that discussion should take place with ARA on some priority signage and the removal of one chicane closest to Monument Rd. We are to request the head of ARA to listen to our views and speak at one of our meetings and perhaps to include points c & d to follow.
  - (c) We are getting more and more reports from walkers on the Sustrans cycle route 7 coming into conflict with inconsiderate and speeding cyclists and ways are sought for any measures to solve the problem? Stuart Bates was asked about possible signage.

(d) Ingress and egress onto Burnbank Rd from the Tesco car park. Rounding the entry and exit would alleviate cars crossing into the path of oncoming cars onto Burnbank road. Councillor Weir reported that ARA believe the road to be correct.

- (v) Belleisle golf course was discussed at a special full Council meeting on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> August. A simplified PDF drawing is available online. The paper was requested to be returned to Officers to contain more detail by Councillors with a public consultation to follow. At our CC meeting Councillor Shields wasn't convinced that the James Braid designed course wouldn't be affected and that disruption to play if the course was closed would occur during construction of the Golf Centre. It is said the planning department will look at the plans in December. It is difficult to see how detailed plans can be drawn up, conduct a public consultation and be presented before December. £5million has been allocated to this project.
- (vi) Member Pamela McKay is pursuing a funding source to replant the felled trees on Longhill Ave and to gain the approval of SAC.

#### **8. ADSLCC Sub Committee for funding projects:**

NTS tidying up garden work in and around Alloway.

Council Leader Dowey is going to arrange a meeting between the Community Council and SAC Officers to discuss implementation of improvements in our Community.

#### **9. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes:**

#### **10. Planning & Licensing Update info:**

- (i) Kirkgate House; Planning application 23/00864/APP Change of use of existing dwellinghouse to form ancillary hotel accommodation and additional car parking was refused. There is still a short term let licence in place. Item closed.
- (ii) Corton Land to the east of the A77 Planning in Principle for Residential and Commercial development. 22/00302/PPPM. Awaiting financial decisions by the developer.
- (iii) LDP3 Local Development Plan suggestions were submitted to Place Planning Lead Audrey Gatt. This topic was discussed at the recent special full Council meeting 19/08/24 and the paper returned for more detail. We noted little of our input and the Chair wrote to the Council Leader, Ward Councillors and Officers. No one has responded, next council meeting later in the month.
- (iv) Local Place Plans LPP are due to be reviewed on a statutory 4 year cycle. Here our area was allocated scant funding on only two items. The secretary has written a letter to the Council Leader and Ward councillors making enquiries and asking for a meeting.

#### **11. Secretary's Business:**

- (i) Hospital Brief. The Ayrshire Post 28 08 2024 reported poor performance in SNHS Ayrshire and Arran. Delayed discharge is still an issue, 30% of patients waiting more than 12 hours to be seen, very slow ambulance turn around times. Sharon Dowey MSP reported that Dr McGuffie is pleased with the new Consultant Anaesthetists. Having them at Ayr allows for smaller treatments to take place locally but anything which might require Intensive Care has

to be done at Crosshouse. Figures are reported for Ayr and Arran as a whole so it is difficult to know what is happening at Ayr Hospital alone.

- (ii) Rozelle House; Member Paul Brooks is concerned that SAC has a large collection of art which is not displayed regularly. He will continue to consult with SAC to see if more of our art can be displayed.
- (iii) Dundonald Castle 6 members went to a very enthusiastic presentation by Dundonald Castle and Ayrshire Chamber of Commerce of the facilities available at the Castle. This was done to gauge if it would be good for the Community Council to join the Chamber. The Chamber is now very involved in tourism in Ayrshire and has links with groups we would like to work with while upgrading Alloway, Doonfoot and St Leonards.

12. **Treasurers Report:** Previous balance 18<sup>th</sup> June 2024    £2155.53

(i)	Pamela McKay D-Day 80 Celebrations	£ 74.95-
(ii)	Annual Payment Zurich Municipal Insurance	£ 246.96-
(iii)	Annual Payment The Information Commissioner	£ 40.00-
(iv)	Current balance to date 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2024	<u>£1793.62</u>

13. **Any Other Competent Business:**

- (i) CC vacancies, ADSLCC to agree to continue to advertise for members.
- (ii) Alex Drain mentioned that the test installation of pedestrian lights on St Leonards Road had proved not to be of benefit and that they will be removed.
- (iii) ADSLCC members voted to join the Ayr Chamber of Commerce @ £180.00per annum & to reimburse 6 x £6 tickets for CC Members to attend an ACC meeting at Dundonald Castle. Both votes were passed unanimously.
- (iv) Mrs Chloe Dobson Schools & Communities Coordinator for Living Streets gave us a brief description of what the organisation was about and its aims. To facilitate better conditions for walkers on pavements. The promotion of benches and to encourage walking in local areas such as to school and any local shops. They are concerned about climate change and wish to reduce traffic around schools.

14. **Next Meeting:** Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> Oct 2024 at Doonfoot Primary School (1900-2100).

15. **Close.** 20:58.

If you would like to become a part of your local Community Council, then why not attend one of our meetings and then become a voting member if you wish.

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